

PATENT APPLICATION

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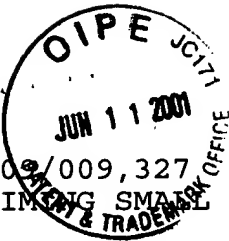
For: MODULAR CONTAINER THAT CAN BE INTERCONNECTED,
FOR MULTIPLE USES

Attorney Docket No.: 3881.012

VERIFIED STATEMENT (DECLARATION) CLAIMING
SMALL ENTITY STATUS - INDEPENDENT INVENTOR

As below named inventors, we hereby declare that we qualify as independent inventors as defined in 37 C.F.R. §1.9(c) for purposes of paying reduced fees under Section 41(a) and (b) of Title 35, United States Code, to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office with regard to the invention entitled "MODULAR CONTAINER THAT CAN BE INTERCONNECTED, FOR MULTIPLE USES" described in the specification filed herewith.

We have not assigned, granted, conveyed or licensed nor are we under an obligation under contract or law to assign, grant, convey, or license any rights in the invention to any person who could not be classified as an independent inventor under 37 C.F.R. §1.9(c) if that person had made the invention, or to any concern which would not qualify as a small business concern under 37 C.F.R. §1.9(d) or a non-profit organization under 37 C.F.R. §1.9(e).



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VERIFIED STATEMENT CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY STATUS

We acknowledge the duty to file, in this application, notification or any change in status resulting in loss of entitlement to small entity status prior to paying, or at the time of paying, the earliest of the issue fee or any maintenance fee due after the date on which status as a small entity is no longer appropriate.

We hereby declare that all statements made herein of our own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; that we have read this Affidavit and know the contents thereof; and, further, that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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